

Seattle Center Monorail Route

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It has taken Seattle Center over 40 years to become what it is. It is the heart of Seattle for major festivals and events. It is like a village green. Surrounded by some of our greatest public buildings.

It is versatile. Sometimes boisterous and sometimes quiet. From the big festivals to smaller events it serves our community's needs.

And in the most solemn times we go there together as a community to pay our respects.

We all remember how we went to Seattle Center after 9-11. But do you remember year's ago when John Lennon died we also went to Seattle Center and thousands of people released balloons in his memory that day?

Do you remember how quiet it was on those days? At those times we go there to get away from the noise and distractions of the streets and the outside world. It really is our shrine at times like that.

The most mature plants and trees and garden-like settings are where the columns and rails are to be constructed and the trains are to travel.

The open space at Seattle Center will only get more precious as the City develops around Seattle Center.

Our understanding of what a City needs in terms of transportation and open space has changed since the Worlds Fair. Now we need parks and open space more than ever.

Transportation is to serve that need not destroy it. Let the monorail bring people to Seattle Center not slice its way through Seattle Center.

The Alaskan Way viaduct was an expedient transportation solution that we do not want to repeat today. We want to open our waterfront to the sky and the vistas. We may spend millions possibly billions to remove the viaduct and its noise and dirt and concrete.

The people of Seattle have entrusted the City Council to take good care of their City. Seattle Center is part of that trust. Now we have to make a decision as to our legacy at Seattle Center

The monorail cutting through Seattle Center would be like the RH Thompson freeway cutting through the arboretum or the Alaska Way viaduct over our waterfront.

Let us learn from history.

Let's keep this unique great open space for today and for future generations. Let's not destroy what has taken Seattle 40 years to create.